

End-of-Year Recap: School Safety Resources and Tools for K-12 Schools

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Webinar Objectives

1. Provide an overview of features available on SchoolSafety.gov that school personnel can utilize to **discover the right resources for their communities** and create a comprehensive school safety program
2. Highlight tools that schools and districts can use to **find applicable school safety grants and funding opportunities** to enhance school safety



Featured Speakers



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TOPIC PAGES



Topic Pages | SchoolSafety.gov

Topic pages contain a definition along with accompanying information regarding the topic, **key strategies to consider, and featured resources to support schools and districts.**

Resources tend to be **how-to or action-oriented guides** that inform users on how to implement strategies to address the topics.

Bullying and Cyberbullying | SchoolSafety.gov

Bullying and cyberbullying threaten students' physical and emotional safety and can impact their social and academic success at school.

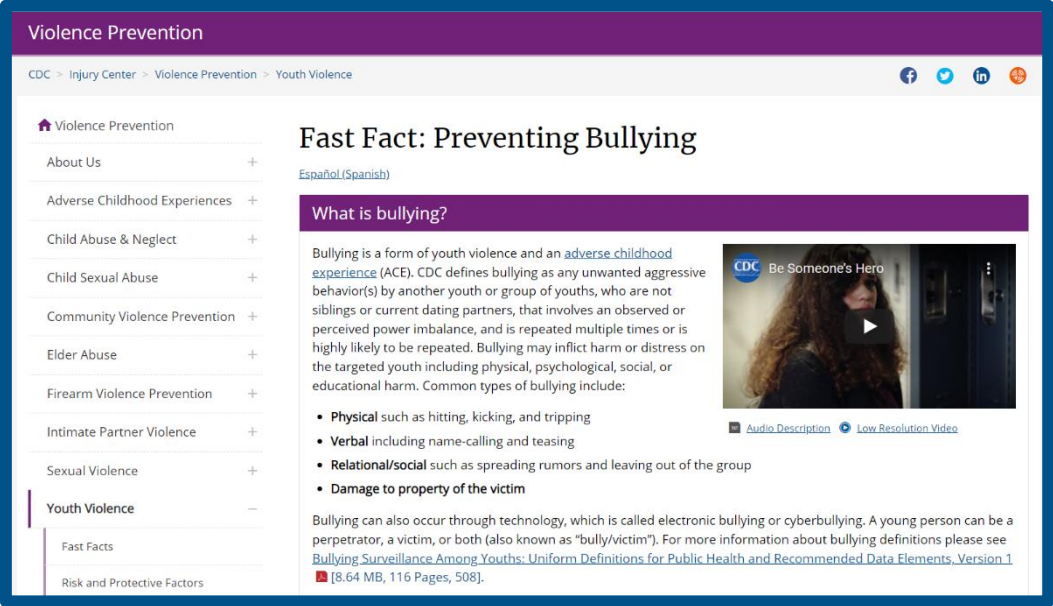
There are several reasons behind school violence; in some cases, being the victim of bullying could play a contributing role.

[Bullying and Cyberbullying | SchoolSafety.gov](#)

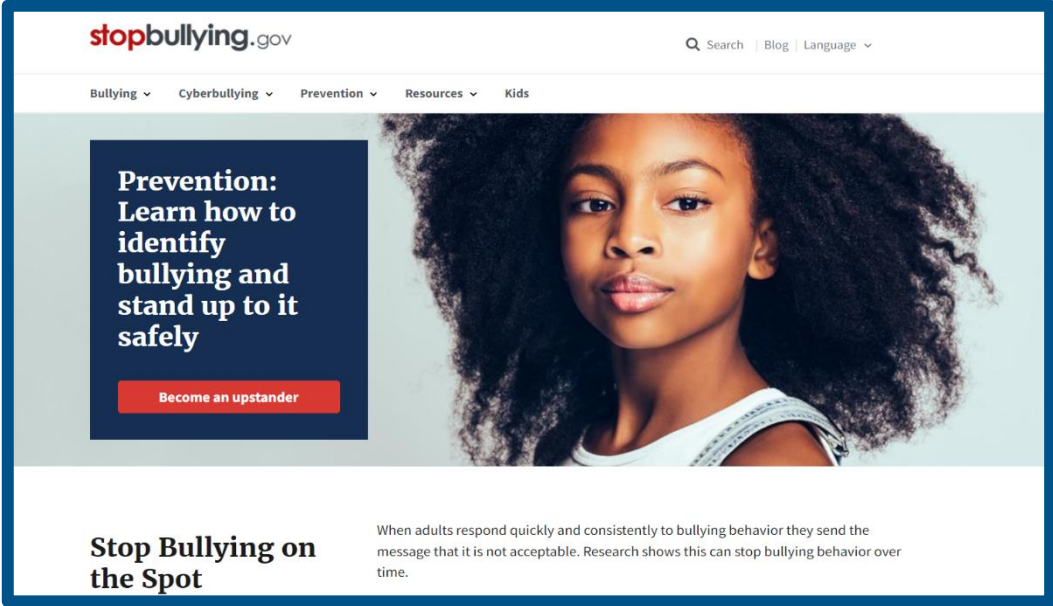
- [Cyberbullying | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Physical Bullying | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Verbal Bullying | SchoolSafety.gov](#)



Featured Resources – Bullying and Cyberbullying



[Prevent Bullying](#)
(Dept. of Health and Human Services)



[StopBullying.gov](#)
(Dept. of Health and Human Services)

Cybersecurity | SchoolSafety.gov

Across America, kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) educational institutions are experiencing a significant increase in cyberattacks.

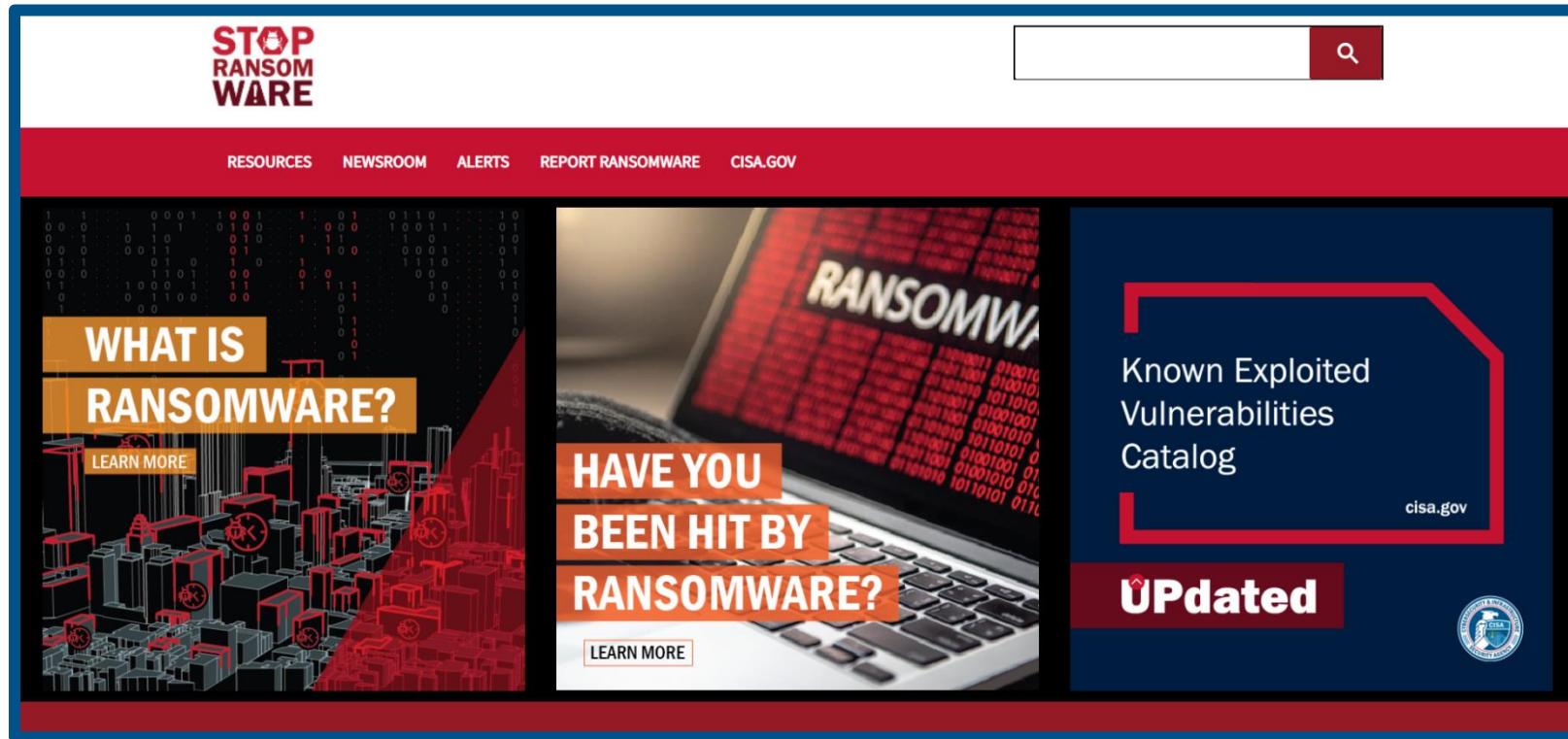
Malicious cyber actors are targeting school computer systems, slowing access, and rendering the systems inaccessible to basic functions.

[Cybersecurity | SchoolSafety.gov](#)

- [Data Breaches | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Online Exploitation | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Phishing | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Ransomware | SchoolSafety.gov](#)



Featured Resource – Cybersecurity



StopRansomware.gov
(Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
Security Agency)

Emergency Planning | SchoolSafety.gov

Families and communities expect schools to keep their children safe from a range of emergency events, like crime, natural disasters, and accidents.

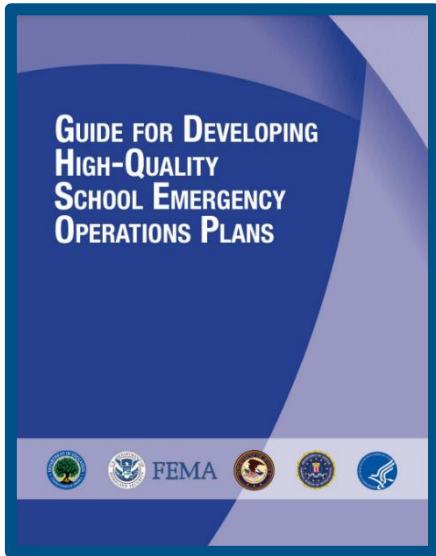
A key component of emergency planning is creating an Emergency Operations Plan (school EOP), or a document that outlines how a school will prepare, respond, and recover from an emergency.

[Emergency Planning | SchoolSafety.gov](#)

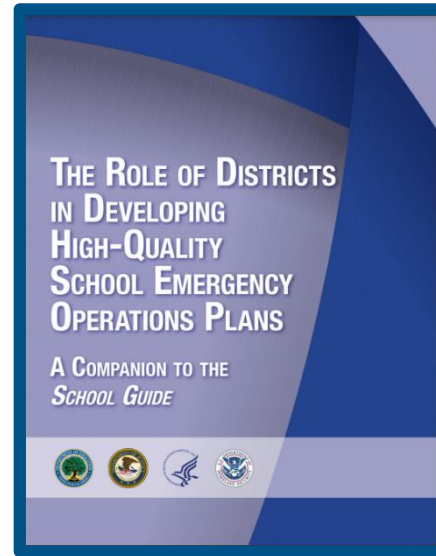
- [Recovery | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Training, Exercises, and Drills | SchoolSafety.gov](#)



Featured Resources – Emergency Planning



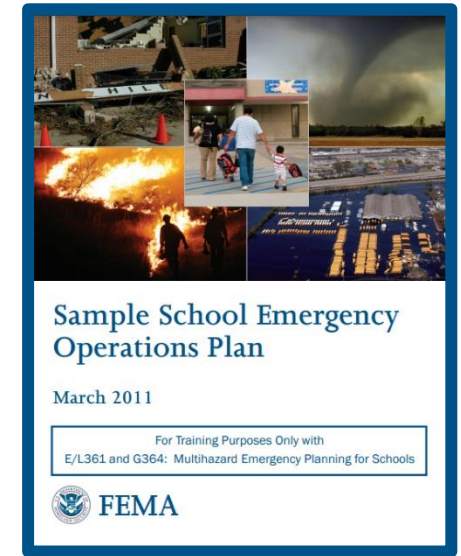
Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans
(Dept. of Ed, HHS, DHS, DOJ)



The Role of Districts in Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans
(Dept. of Ed, HHS, DHS, DOJ)



EOP Interactive Tools
(Dept. of Education)



Sample School Emergency Operations Plan (For Training Purposes)
(FEMA)

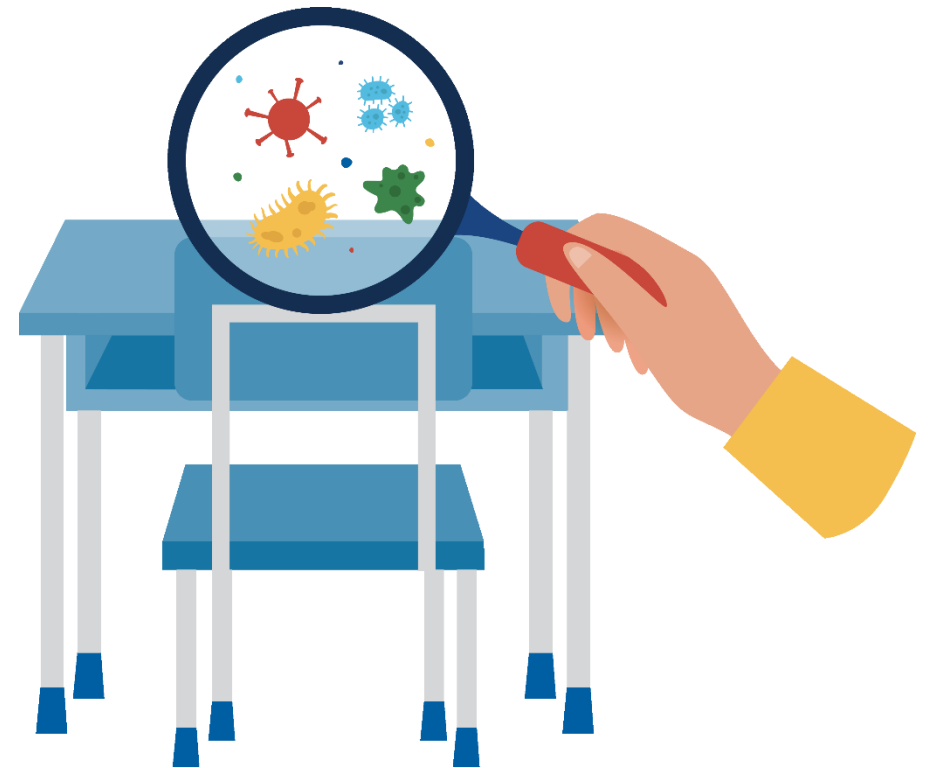
Infectious Diseases & Public Health | SchoolSafety.gov

Schools must be prepared to respond to sudden infectious disease outbreaks and other public health concerns and emergencies.

Sustaining safe in-person learning, ensuring proper hygiene, and managing daily operations are all important for keeping a safe and secure school environment amid a health crisis.

[Infectious Diseases & Public Health | SchoolSafety.gov](#)

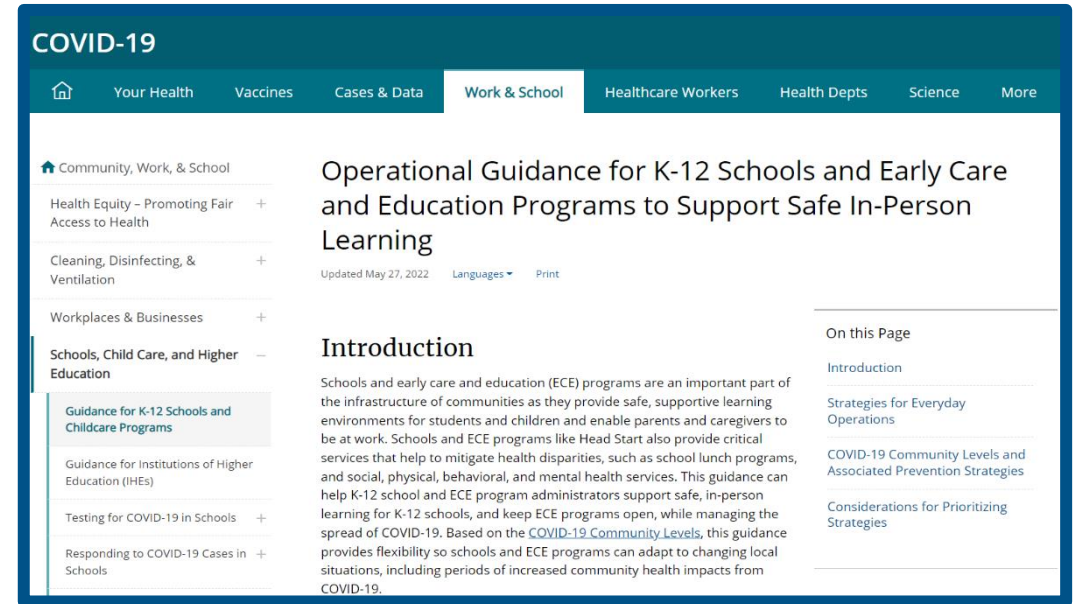
- [Distance Learning | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [In-Person Learning | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Physical Spacing and Testing | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Sanitation and Ventilation | SchoolSafety.gov](#)



Featured Resources – Infectious Diseases & Public Health



[Return to School Roadmap](#)
(Dept. of Education)



[Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten \(K\)-12 Schools](#)
(Dept. of Health and Human Services)

Mental Health | SchoolSafety.gov

Students often come to school with complex physical and mental health concerns or social service needs.

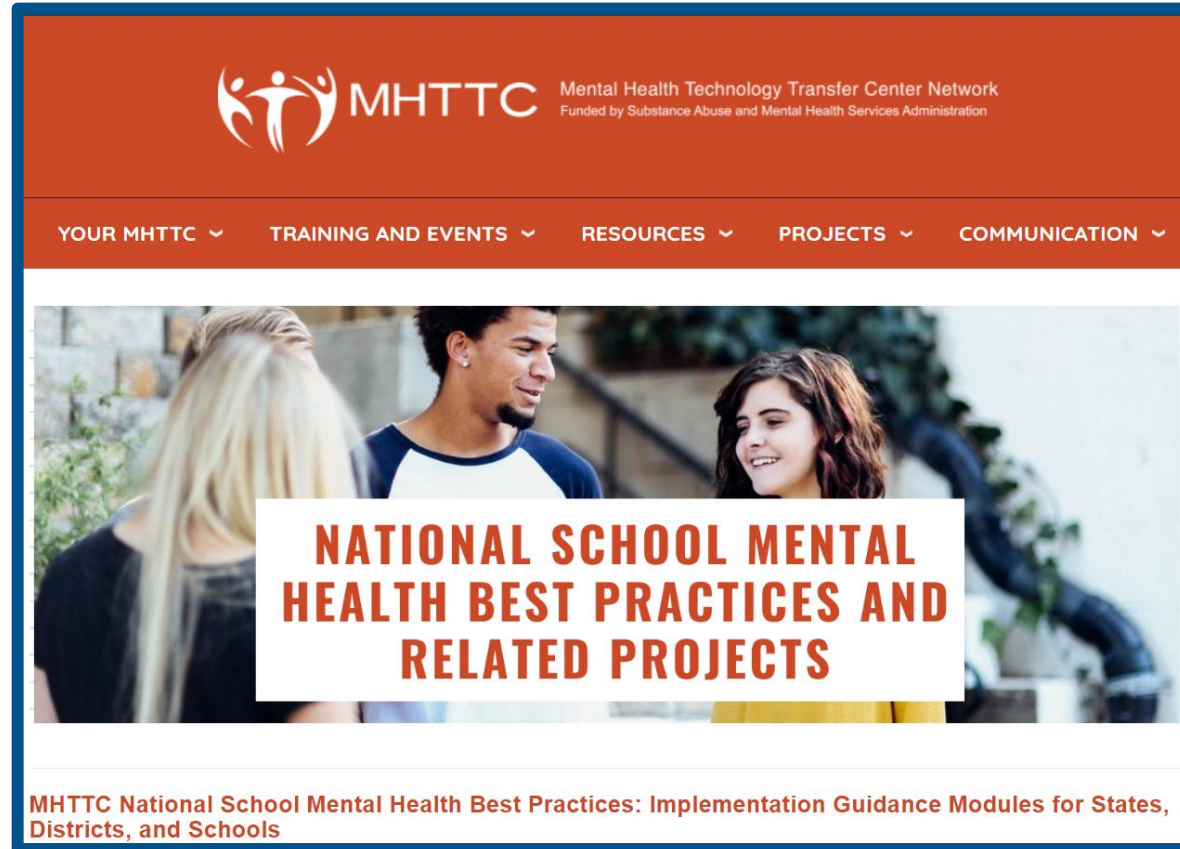
Access to mental health services helps to create a positive school climate, prevents worsening of mental health conditions, and leads to better outcomes for students.

[Mental Health | SchoolSafety.gov](#)

- [At Risk Children | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Conduct Issues | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [School Based Mental Health Services | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Substance Use | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Suicide Management | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Training, Partnership, and Capacity Building | SchoolSafety.gov](#)



Featured Resource – Mental Health



[National School Mental Health Best Practices:
Implementation Guidance Modules
\(Dept. of Health and Human Services\)](#)

School Climate | SchoolSafety.gov

Developing students with strong character who are connected to their peers, educators, and communities in meaningful ways can improve school climate and prevent violence from occurring.

Research suggests that a positive school climate can lead to a significant decrease in the likelihood of crime, aggression, and violent behavior.

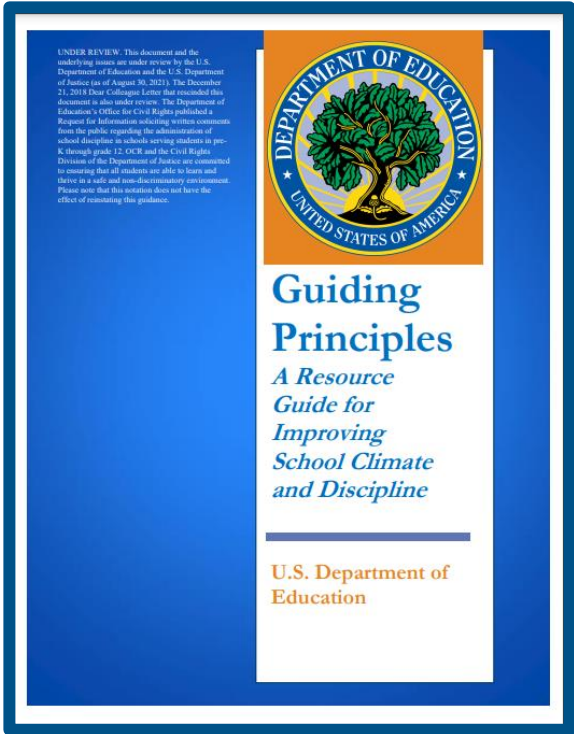
[School Climate | SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov)



Featured Resources – School Climate



[School Climate Improvement Resource Package](#)
(Dept. of Education)



[Guiding Principles: Guide for Improving School Climate](#)
(Dept. of Education)

Targeted Violence | SchoolSafety.gov

Targeted violence refers to violence that is premeditated and directed at specific individuals, groups, or locations.

The best practice for preventing targeted school violence is through the use of a multidisciplinary school threat assessment team, comprised of school staff tasked to identify, assess, and intervene with students who may pose a risk of harm to themselves or others.

[Targeted Violence | SchoolSafety.gov](#)

- [Physical Security | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [School Security Personnel | SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- [Violence Prevention | SchoolSafety.gov](#)



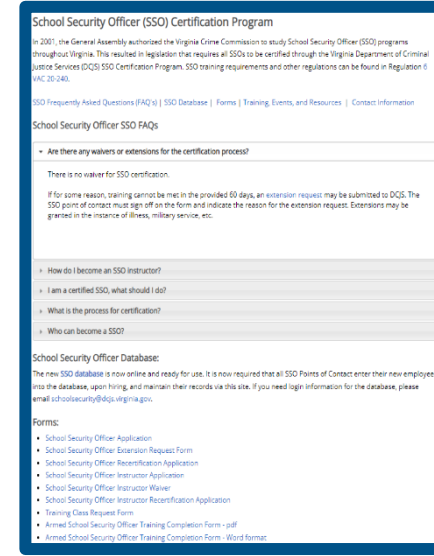
Featured Resources – Targeted Violence



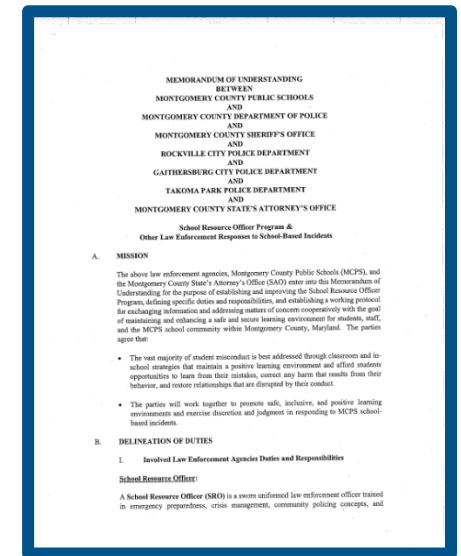
[K-12 School Security Guide \(2nd Edition\) and School Security Survey](#)
(Dept. of Homeland Security)



[DHS Campus Resilience Program K-12 Active Shooter Exercise Starter Kits](#)
(Dept. of Homeland Security)



[School Security Officer \(SSO\) Certification Program](#)
(State Agency)



[Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\): School Resource Officer Program & Other Law Enforcement Responses to School-Based Incidents](#)
(Third Party)

Threat Assessment and Reporting | SchoolSafety.gov

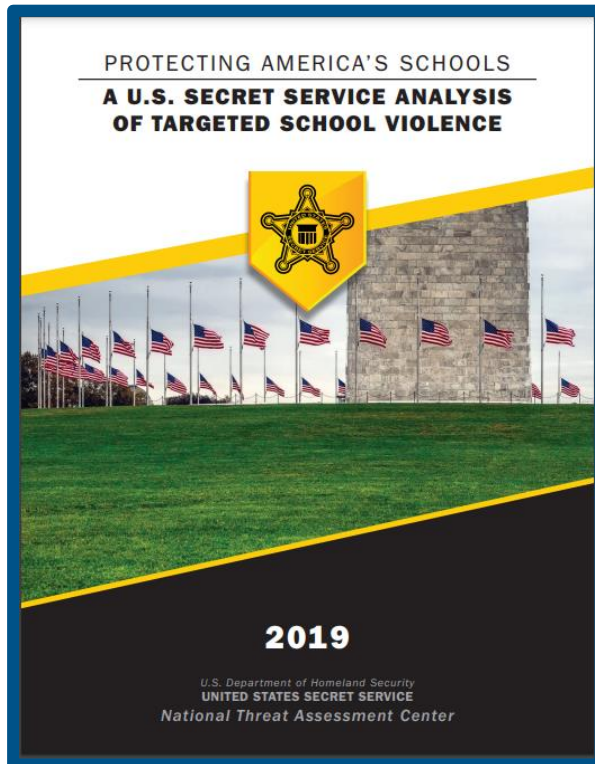
Reporting on a variety of concerning student behaviors and other suspicious activities provides authorities and school personnel with the information they need to stop violence before it occurs.

Having a threat assessment program, or a multidisciplinary group process, to evaluate these reports can significantly reduce violence, including mass casualty attacks.

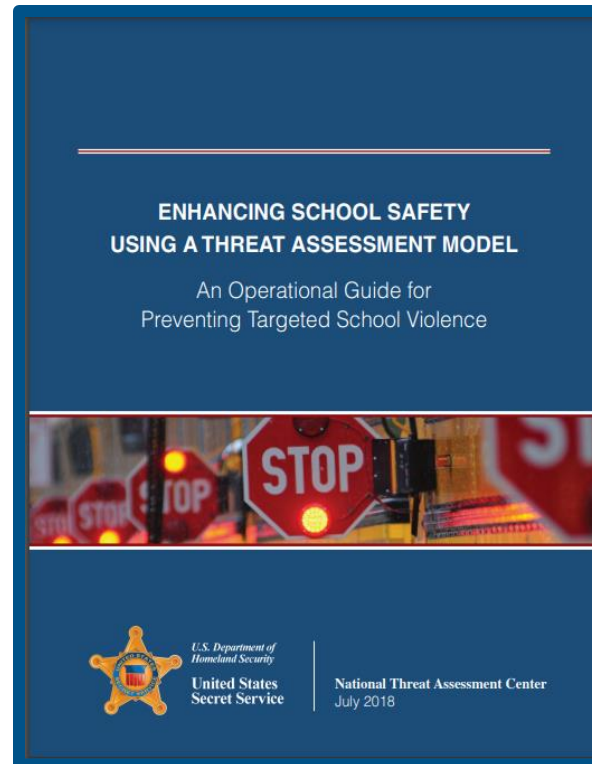
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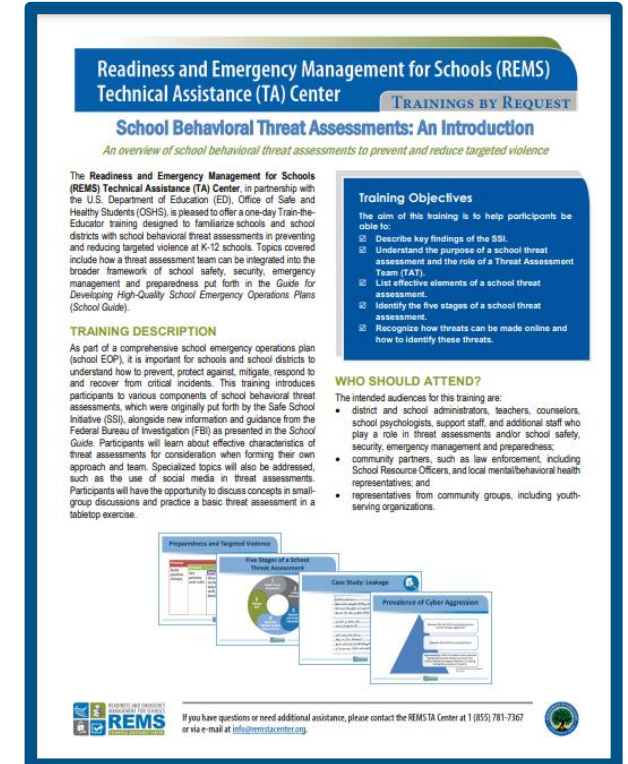
Featured Resources – Threat Assessment and Reporting



Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence
(DHS)



Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence
(DHS)



REMS TA Center School Behavioral Threat Assessments: An Introduction
(Dept. of Education)

SchoolSafety.gov Topics in Review



Bullying &
Cyberbullying



Cybersecurity



Emergency
Planning



Infectious Diseases
and Public Health



Mental
Health



School Climate



Targeted
Violence



Threat Assessment &
Reporting

Grants Finder Tool | SchoolSafety.gov

SchoolSafety.gov tool that features Federally available school safety-related grant opportunities in one centralized location.

Designed to help schools determine eligibility and applicability of grant programs for their specific needs, challenges, and characteristics.

Option to take quiz, select pre-populated lists, or filter grants by specific criteria such as school safety topic, funding agency, application level of effort and deadline, and intended audience.

The screenshot displays the 'Grants Finder' tool on the SchoolSafety.gov website. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Grants Finder Header:** Includes a search bar, navigation links (Home, Tools, Grants Finder), and a brief description of the tool's purpose: to help find applicable funding opportunities for school safety.
- Take the Grants Finder Quiz!:** A modal window with a 'Start Quiz' button. It lists various school safety topics for selection, including Bullying and Cyberbullying, Cybersecurity, Emergency Planning, Infectious Diseases and Public Health, Mental Health, School Climate, Targeted Violence, and Threat Assessment and Reporting.
- Filter Grants:** A sidebar on the left with checkboxes for filtering by Topic, Dollar Amount, and other criteria.
- Quick Filters:** Buttons for 'Upcoming Grants', 'Sub Grants', and 'COVID-19 Grants'.
- Results:** A list of search results. One result is highlighted: 'FY 2021 Preventing School Violence: BIA's STOP School Violence Program'. It includes a description of the program, a deadline of August 18, 2021, and an access link.
- Grants List:** A table on the right side of the page listing multiple instances of the 'FY 2021 Preventing School Violence: BIA's STOP School Violence Program' grant, each with its own description, deadline, and access link.

Safety Readiness Tool | SchoolSafety.gov

The **Safety Readiness Tool** assists users in evaluating their respective school's safety posture across **10 foundational elements** of school safety.

After completing the assessment, users are provided a **tailored Action Plan** with task **prioritization**, options for consideration, aligned resources, and grant opportunities specific to their individual school's needs.

Question 1
i See a definition of designated staff. ▾
.....
Designated Staff
Does your school have designated staff for the following?
.....


Question 7
i See a definition of staff and faculty training. ▾
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Staff and Faculty Training
Are school staff trained on the Emergency Operations Plan (school EOP) and safety and security procedures?
.....

Your School Safety Action Plan ⬇

Every school is different and requires a unique approach to preventing school violence.

Use this personalized action plan to learn the initial priorities you should consider as part of your safety planning. Consider taking the assessment again in the future to see how your action plan evolves after implementing options for consideration.

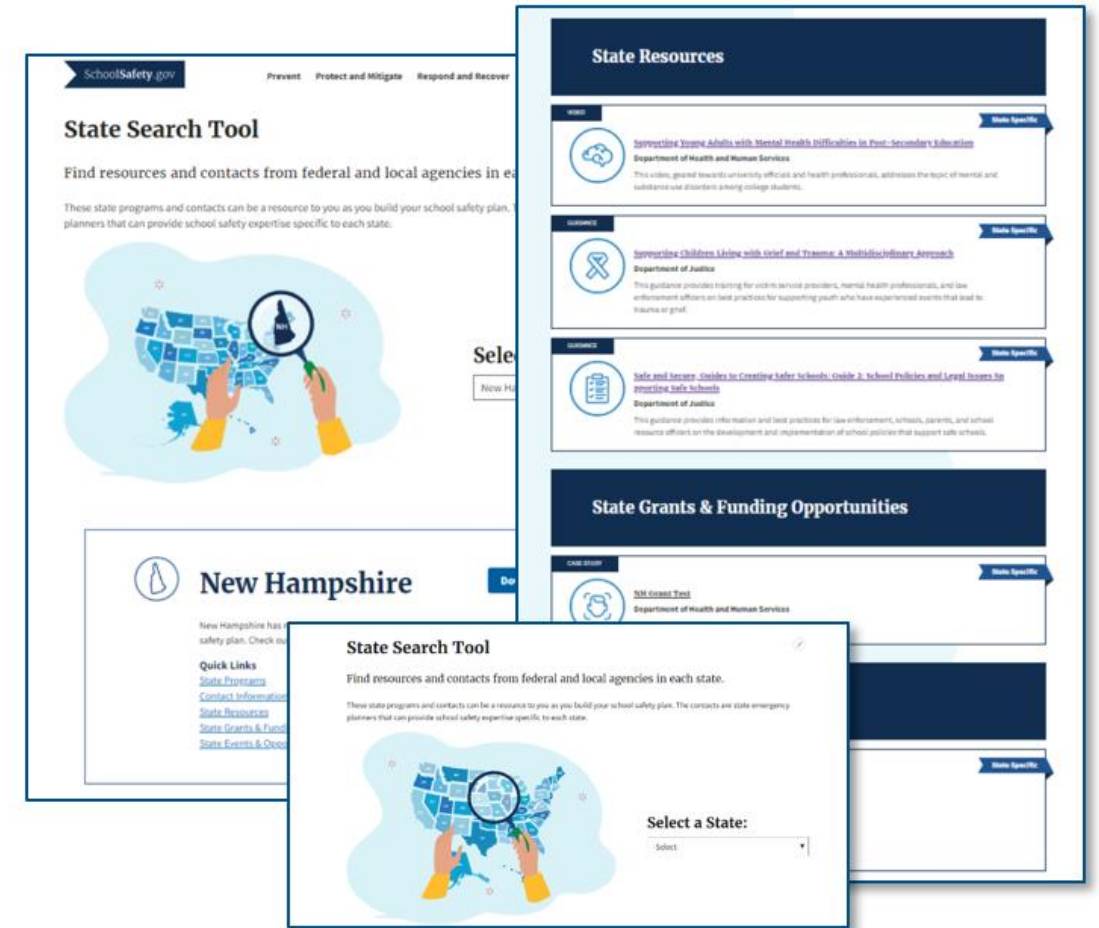
Download Your Action Plan



State Search Tool | SchoolSafety.gov

SchoolSafety.gov offers a **State Search Tool** to provide the academic community with a streamlined and centralized tool to access **state-specific school safety information**, including programs, resources, contacts, and engagement opportunities.

Through the tool, **state school safety leaders connect** with the Clearinghouse, its partner agencies, and other state security entities to share resources, exchange best practices, and collaborate on school safety-related efforts.



Find School Safety Resources | SchoolSafety.gov

SchoolSafety.gov allows you to search through the wealth of **guidance, trainings, and fact sheets** it contains. From this page, you are also able to request the addition of a new resource.

The list of resources can be filtered by any number of the **8 resource filters**. Resources can also be searched for by name in the search bar.

Sort By	+
Topic	+
Action	+
Resource Type	+
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Find School Safety Resources

SchoolSafety.gov provides resources, like guidance, training, and fact sheets, to help schools create and maintain a safe learning environment.

For standards and guidance on submitting a resource to SchoolSafety.gov and to access the resource submission form, please see [here](#).

Looking for grants? Visit the [Grants Finder Tool](#) to find applicable funding opportunities to help keep your school community safe.

Search



Events and Opportunities | SchoolSafety.gov

The SchoolSafety.gov Events page allows users to learn about **past and upcoming events and opportunities** for their school or district.

Users can explore upcoming events such as **webinars and conferences related to school safety**, and can customize which events are displayed by using filters



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Apply

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Virtual Q&A: Award Acceptance

June 16, 2022 | Hosted by: JustGrants


Learn More



Virtual Q&A: Post-Award Management

June 22, 2022 | Hosted by: JustGrants

Learn More



Promoting School Preparedness, Community Resilience, and Recovery in the Face of Adversity: Part 1 - Essentials

June 22, 2022 | Hosted by: Southeast Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network

This first session of a 4-part webinar series will provide foundational information about collective trauma, how it affects members of a school community, the role of schools in crisis planning and response, and best practices in school crisis responses.

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Suggesting a Resource | SchoolSafety.gov

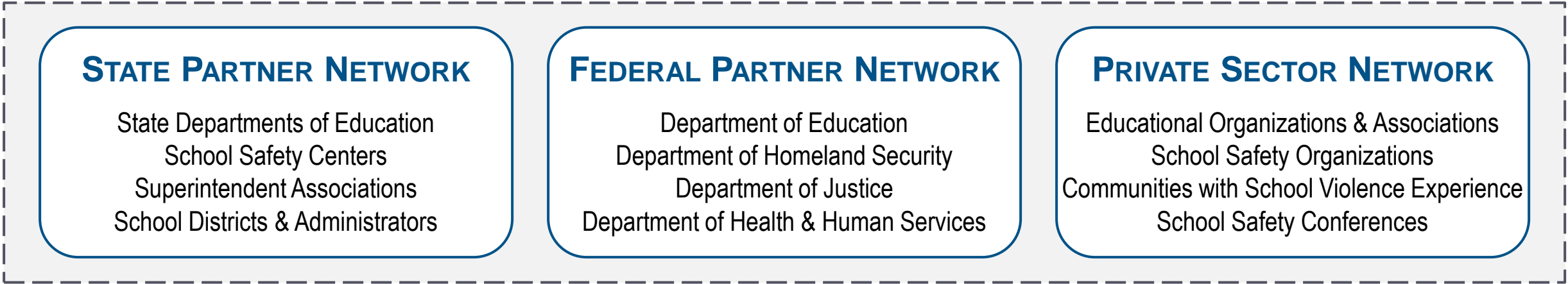
Resources submitted to SchoolSafety.gov must adhere to the following standards and guidelines:

- Resource is aligned to one or more topic(s) reflected on SchoolSafety.gov.
- Resource is applicable for the school safety community.
- Resource has been published or validated within the past 5 years and is still applicable to present.
- Resource must be available online (i.e. in electronic format).
- Resource is available for free to the public and at no cost to the government.
- Resource references peer-reviewed, evidence-based studies, research and scenarios.
- Submitter of content should either be the owner of the content or have permission from the content-developer to submit and post, if approved.



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Key Resource Links

- <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/grants-finder-tool>
- <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/safety-readiness-tool>
- <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/state-search-tool>
- <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/find-school-safety-resources>
- <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/events>

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